

## Surfside Police Department



## Award and/or commendation

Date of occurrence: 10/25/2009

**Employee Name: John Gentile** 

Classification: See Above ID Number: 0090

Unit/Division: Police/Patrol Years of Tenure: 4 years

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

## Narrative:

On October 25, at 10:30 pm, Officer John Gentile observed a subject riding a bicycle with no light at night southbound on Harding Avenue and 90 Street. The subject had a backpack, was sweating profusely, and acting nervous. He advised Officer Gentile that he had a television wrapped up in a yellow sheet in the basket on the bicycle. Officer Gentile patted down the subject for officer safety and discovered a screwdriver and a large rock in his back pack. He also had a pair of socks in his pocket. The subject had a criminal history and could not justify why he was in this area with the items and was arrested for Loitering and Prowling and Possession of Burglary Tools. Officer John Gentile's diligent patrol and alertness led to the investigation and arrest of this subject and may have prevented another crime from occurring. This same subject was identified by fingerprints on October 28 for a burglary committed in Miami Beach on October 17. He was also arrested in Palm Beach County on October 27. Congratulations and great work John!

Recommended by: Sgt. J. Pacheco \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/25/2009